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"This game means a great deal to our team, our school, and the MBA community. Coaches don't have to say a whole lot to motivate the boys or get them to focus. Everyone wants to win and is committed to do their best."

- Coach Marty Euverard



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**Two seniors will travel to India to present unsung hero**

**By William Snow**  
Staff Writer

During the upcoming Fall Break, many students here on The Hill will enjoy a relaxing weekend of not doing homework, probably watching football, and certainly sleeping for hours on end. Two students and one teacher on campus, however, will spend the break and then some out of the country in a rather different environment.

The Tiltshift Summit is an annual, international student-run conference that deals with global issues. From October 13th until the 22nd, students and teachers from all over the world will gather in a think tank to share and solve complex issues. The topic of this year's conference is the ongoing struggle for human rights. Seniors Ian Scholer and Aaron Kaplan will take on the task of studying and presenting specifics of human rights over the next several months, including the exposé of an unsung hero from Nashville in an area of human rights. Accompanied by faculty sponsor Señor Kamm, they will travel to India with their presentations and deliver them in front of 15 other international schools ranging from Finland to the Philippines. When asked about the invitation to travel around the world, Señor Kamm said, "It's an invitation I would never decline." He will, of course, be joining revered faculty members, Dr. Boyd and Mr. Davidson, on the list of past

sponsors for this summit. The presentation the two students are working on deals with the life of John Seigenthaler, a Nashville native who staunchly defended 1st Amendment rights before, during, and after his tenure writing for *The Tennessean*. Seigenthaler passed away July 11th, shortly after the Civil Rights champion received the honor of having the Shelby Street Bridge renamed after him. The renaming occurred because of his heroic efforts in saving a man's life as he caught and held back the man attempting to jump off the bridge. A few years later, he made headlines by taking a pipe to the back of the head during the Montgomery Race Riots of 1961. He was covering the riots with



**HE'LL HAVE YOU HOOKED:** Ian Scholer ('15) interviews John Jay Hooker about his role in civil rights and his relationship with John Seigenthaler, Sr.

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Robert F. Kennedy (for whom he was a prominent adviser and close friend) when he stepped in to save a woman being chased by a mob.

Bobby Kennedy was just one of many high profile acquaintances of Seigenthaler; others included Al Gore and Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholer and Kaplan have researched Seigenthaler's life extensively and are in the process of compiling a large project on the subject. When asked about the nature of the project, Señor Kamm replied that "the project is really a student project," so Ian and Aaron will continue working hard researching, interviewing, and filming while he will be supervising.

These two student delegates are eagerly awaiting their chance to weigh in on the issue of human rights with the other schools in

attendance. It is an especially hot topic in India, where the conference is being held. Stories of sexual abuse of women and social inequality in India have trickled into American media coverages, as well as hearsay of political corruption and religious tensions. Meanwhile, at home, racial tensions have threatened to explode in places like Ferguson, Missouri as controversial shootings continue to occur. Despite the massive advances in Civil Rights in the area where Seigenthaler lived, human rights will likely remain a crucial issue in the national conversation for decades to come, and almost certainly in the international conversation for centuries. This year's Tiltshift Summit serves as one of an indefinite series of conferences in an endless attempt to enforce the essential truth that all humans are created equal.

**JOHN SEIGENTHALER:** The subject of Aaron's and Ian's project was a civil rights advocate for Nashville, in large part through his work with the *Tennessean*.

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## FIELD DAY IS A GO: Prepare Yourselves for the Hype

**By John Triplett**  
Features Editor

After much speculation, the growing hope of the MBA student body was realized with the creation of an all-new Field Day as a part of the MBA '14-'15 school year. The hard work of Student Council president Trevor Patton, in addition to that of Richard Thornton, Cole Jones, and the Student Council, has paid off in the form of this exciting event.

Scheduled to take place on March 23rd, the Monday after Spring Break, this day will have a special schedule consisting of 20-minute classes, with the academic day ending at 10:45 a.m. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mr. Gioia will host a picnic catered by Sage Dining. The competition will then proceed from 1 p.m. until about 4 p.m., with Mr. Gioia announcing the winning

team at the end of the day.

The school will be separated into two teams, Cardinal and Silver, via several random number generators. Everyone keeps his team throughout his MBA career, so friendships and brotherhoods will be formed through the event. In addition, legacies will be on the same team as their fathers. This feature will create new rivalries and perpetuate old ones from generation to generation, establishing a great line of competition between the two teams. The teams are also separated according to grade. No need to fear, microbes and freshmen—the competition has been separated by grade so that a senior will not be facing a microbe unless an event involves a whole team.

Everyone on each team must participate in at least one non-team event

and can participate in a maximum of four non-team events. The teams will be scored according to grade with a senior victory earning a team six points descending according to each grade until a seventh grade victory earns a team one point.

Now we come to how to determine the winner of this glorious day—a day that will certainly be saturated by blood, sweat and tears. The competition itself will consist of three separate sections: Scholar, Athlete, and Artist, modeled after the MBA ideal. "Gentleman" is optional. The artistic portion of the competition will consist of improvisation skits and a cappella performances, among many other components.

Quiz bowl games consisting of questions about various academic subjects will make up the scholar part of the event.

The athletic portion of the day will include doubles tennis, flag football, tug-of-war, Ultimate Frisbee, Capture-the-Flag, dodgeball, basketball, and several others. Knowing the magnitude of the promise he made to the entire student body, Trevor Patton exclaimed, "We've already made history this year, and I'm very proud to be a part of it all." Like the rest of the student body, Trevor is very excited about Field Day, explaining that he "loves doing this stuff" and is "glad the hard work is helping the school as a whole."

Overall, this creation will hopefully be one of the greatest events in MBA history. MBA has never seen anything like this day before, and because of the hard work of these seniors, the school will have another great opportunity to enjoy the competition and camaraderie of the Hill.

## ON AIR: Big Red Broadcasting Club Offers Exciting New Opportunities for Students and Viewers

**By Andrew Kaplan**  
Asst. Business Manager

We are entering a new era of online broadcasting in 2014 at MBA. The Broadcasting Club, led by senior Aaron Kaplan, is poised for an extremely successful year, having received approximately \$7,000 in funds for new equipment.

When asked by *The Bell Ringer*, the club's president and founder, Aaron Kaplan, said, "We are very excited about the new equipment that we have in place for broadcasts this year. A new main camera, the Blackmagic ATEM Television Studio and the Livestream Broadcaster box highlight our additions. These upgrades will greatly enhance the video quality of our productions and allow more opportunities for creativity on the production side. We look to put out a high-quality, professional product and hope that these improvements will draw a big audience."

With the enhanced equipment, the quality of the broadcasting itself will be excellent this year, bringing viewers an enhanced experience with higher quality and a closer view to MBA

events. The purpose of the broadcasting club is to cover MBA's sports games such as basketball, soccer, baseball, and lacrosse as well as major events such as Endada and theater productions. But most importantly, the success of the club is dependent on its student participation.

When asked how students can get involved, Kaplan replied, "All MBA students are welcome to participate. They should contact Aaron Kaplan about joining the Big Red Broadcasting

Club. There is a role for everyone in the program. No matter your interests, you can be a valuable contributor to the team. We're especially looking for people interested in broadcasting non-sporting events, for example: commentators, technical producers, and video editors. The interests of the club's participants will largely dictate the program's direction."

Clearly there is a place for everyone, from people who thrive in tech production, videography to those knowledgeable about sports, the arts, and those able to showcase speaking ability. "I'm very enthusiastic about this year," says Kaplan, "and I hope that what we do this year will set a precedent for years to come. With the new equipment and a very strong leadership group, we are taking broadcasting to new heights. The goal is for broadcasting to become a consistently popular student activity on campus, and we feel

that this goal can be easily accomplished if we continue in the direction we're headed. We want to increase our presence on campus by reaching out to students and advertising our production to the community. Broadcasting sports and school events is not only an enjoyable experience, but is a means of expression that goes beyond the written word and rehearsed performance. Broadcasting has been an amazingly influential activity for me, and I hope that I can share my passion and excitement with others. I encourage anyone with the slightest interest to give it a try, and you'll be hooked."

This year looks to be the best one yet for the broadcasting club. If you have any questions or want to get involved, contact Aaron Kaplan or any of the other club officers: Carter Lovvorn, Andrew Kaplan, and David Gav.



GAMETIME: Broadcasters Davis Lovvorn ('14), Aaron Kaplan ('15) and Matthew Kaplan ('20) are live from Currey Gymnasium.  
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## New Computer Science Club Sets Big Goals for the Year

**By John Triplett**  
Features Editor

Every year, several new clubs and activities, hopeful for significant interest and growth, make their debut in the MBA community at the Activity Fair. This year, the Computer Science Club emerged as one club that is primed for growth and success at MBA in years to come. With the help of Thomas Marosz, Matt Miccioli, Tony Ding and the sponsorship of the famed Mr. David Deutsch, junior Richie Scherer founded the club after independently studying computer science over the summer.

Senior Marosz stated that the group was created with "the intent of teaching and learning new program languages." Along with the growing popularity of the AP Computer Science class and the Robotics Club, this club will cater towards those interested in programming and careers in technology or electronics. The popularity of these clubs illuminates the growing interest in electronics among MBA students and their desire to explore their interests.

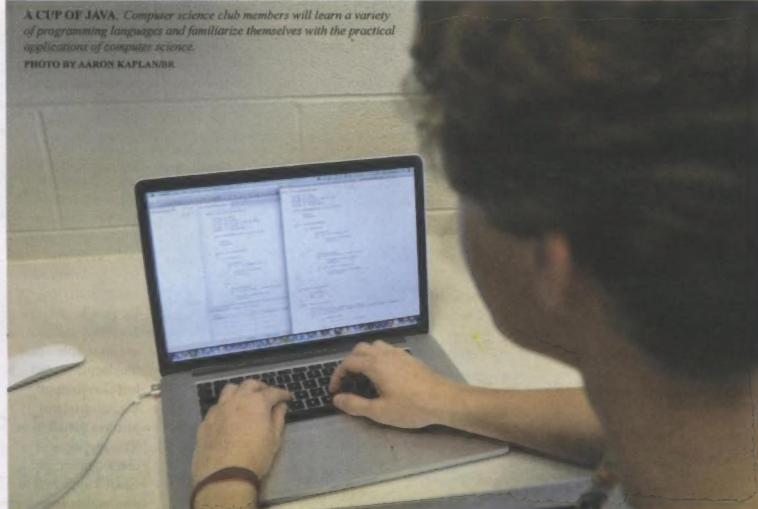
The Computer Science Club's main plans for the year are to work on programming in Python, a basic form of programming language, and to make games with the program. Junior Tony Ding explained that the club could "possibly program and make games for iOS."

In addition to these goals for the year, a few of the club's officers have future plans to make a skill-based structure so that beginners can learn and work with basic programming languages while more advanced members can focus on different languages. Although this system has not yet been instituted, the

club's leaders are planning it out and working towards its completion.

Overall, this group will become a meaningful, active addition to the wide variety of MBA clubs and extracurricular activities in its appeal to those intrigued by the fields of technology and electronics.

A CUP OF JAVA. Computer science club members will learn a variety of programming languages and familiarize themselves with the practical applications of computer science.  
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## Thoughts on the Israel-Gaza Conflict

**By Andrew Kaplan**  
Asst. Business Manager

The death of innocent children. The seemingly total lack of regard for human life. "An Apartheid State." The Israeli-Gaza conflict is a controversial topic that people claim to understand well enough to assess the "good side" and the "bad side." The conflict that has arisen in the heart of the Middle East is one that has become a heated topic in the United States and around the world; however, many do not take into account accurate knowledge of the background and the premise of such an issue.

The State of Israel was created in 1948 as a homeland for the Jews and as an ally of democratic supporters around the world. Israel's early years, which were plagued by warfare, involved repeated attacks from nearby countries. Israel prevailed to the extent that it was able to establish a forceful presence in the region. As time has passed, many continue to believe that Israel should not exist. It is this deeply rooted, passionate belief that has fueled much of the conflict today. This forceful anger is felt not because Israel asserted itself onto the land that was there (it was lightly inhabited and had no structural forces), but because of the belief that Israel has no right to exist—a fact supported by wars of aggression with Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

Consider the following questions: "How can Israel be bombing such populated suburban areas?" "How can Israel exhibit such a ruthless disregard for innocent

human lives?" Such questions often characterize discussions of this topic. A large reason for loss of innocent life has been that Hamas fighters have deliberately placed their military strongholds in areas to include schools, United Nations hospitals, and other major residential areas. The only way for Israel to combat the continuous Hamas threat has been

Israel has been able to provide better safety for its citizens. The constant danger in Israel has created a situation in which the Israeli Defense Forces have had no option but to take out Hamas' ability to attack Israel. The positioning of Gaza's forces has been intentional in order to utilize the media to gain ground against Israel. Hamas knows that it has no

military standpoint, Hamas' rejection of peace due to pride and belief is unfortunate for the people of Gaza.

### What is the solution?

Truthfully, a foreseeable solution might not be possible right now. While short-term solutions may continue to follow one another as cease-fires are agreed upon, these stopgap solutions will not end the conflict for good.



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to strike directly at the fighters in these locations. The constant rain of thousands of rockets from Hamas in Gaza into Israel has created a constant fear among Israelis of being hit, while running into bomb shelters hourly and the deaths of innocent civilians have led to the complete stall of a stable economy and the tourism that it relies upon.

Since the construction of the Iron Dome missile defense system,

chance of realizing its main goal, destroying Israel, strictly through military actions. Therefore, Hamas has resorted to using the media to film images of dead and wounded bodies with the hope that the world might point fingers at Israel.

Over the course of the past few months' confrontations, a series of cease-fires has been established in order to end the conflict and allow for the end of bloodshed. Repeatedly,

Israel has been willing to agree to a cease-fire and has accepted the proposal, but Hamas has not. Being so stubbornly convinced that Israel must be wiped out has caused suffering to the people of Gaza. Some say that it is not so simple - that the deeply rooted belief system of the Palestinians justifies their actions. Yet regardless of one's opinion on Israel's approach to the conflict from a

Hamas' leaders are not building an economy that can create jobs and a good livelihood for their people. Instead, they are promoting violent resistance that only propagates the conflict at hand. The most logical solution is the two-state solution supported by moderate Palestinian leaders but staunchly opposed by Hamas.

It has been horrific to watch the news and see the events that have unfolded. The suffering of the people in Gaza is terrible to witness, but the motives for Israel's pursuit of Hamas' terrorist forces are, in many ways, justified, though the means in which they are executed often come at the cost of civilian lives. Safety and security for the people in both Gaza and Israel will only come when a lasting peace agreement is put into place. There certainly have been wrongs on both sides of the conflict, and we can only hope that the futility of this most recent conflagration will bring rational minds on both sides to realize that now is the time to implement a two-state solution in which Arabs and Israelis can live together in peace.



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## What to Do When it Hits the Fan: Finding a Foreign Policy Purpose

By Ian Scholer  
News Editor

"We don't have a strategy yet"

To the shock and horror of all working in the West Wing, the president of the United States and the Commander-in-Chief of the largest military force ever assembled said the above words in a White House press briefing regarding the threat of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), a brutal militant group bent on creating an Islamic caliphate in the Middle East.

Predictably, President Obama was criticized fiercely for this revealing error. Longtime adversary and warhawk Senator John McCain made his opposing voice heard. For days he grilled the president for lacking a decisive, robust foreign policy. At many points, the prominent senator blamed President Obama for the crises erupting around the world, including Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the rise of ISIL in Iraq and Syria.

Senator McCain is not alone. For years the Obama Administration's foreign policy has come under fire from both sides of the aisle for being too cautious, with potential Democratic presidential candidate and former Secretary of State

Hillary Clinton joining Mr. McCain in his reservations.

In recent months it has seemed that President Obama's grip on the world has been steadily slipping away. Secretary of State John Kerry tried and failed to resolve the crisis in Gaza diplomatically this summer, leaving the U.S. without a say in the resolution. Despite the economic sanctions imposed on Vladimir Putin's Russia, Mr. Putin appears to many to be taking land at will. In recent weeks Mr. Kerry has been flying frantically around the Middle East, trying unsuccessfully to build a strong coalition of allies in the region to combat ISIL.

In an attempt to answer the doubts about his unpopular foreign policy, President Obama addressed the public one day before the thirteenth anniversary of the last attack on American soil to outline his strategy for dealing with ISIL. The president proposed a four-step plan that would include a continuation of the airstrikes on ISIL territory, a larger commitment of American Special Forces, equipment and training for the opposition to ISIL in the Middle East (the moderate Syrian rebels and the Iraqi Kurds) and fighting the extremists in both volatile Iraq and extremely volatile Syria.

This plan has its advantages. Airstrikes helped save an Iraqi city from an ISIL massacre and do not make a dent in our obscenely large defense budget. They risk few, if any, American casualties and inflict effective damage on ISIL. If the Islamic State is to be defeated, the president is correct in calling for attacks in both Syria and Iraq.

The further commitment of U.S. forces in the region without a united coalition of Middle Eastern powers, even if no "boots on the ground" are involved, however, raises concerns. First, the moderate Syrian opposition forces we are arming are even weaker than the Iraqi forces we tried to arm several weeks ago. The Iraqi forces that were trained and equipped by America did not hold their ground against ISIL; they dropped their weapons and ran when the extremists attacked, and thus a group of terrorists was given American military technology. The moderate Syrians, thanks to Bashar al-Assad, are substantially weaker than the Iraqis, and arming them would likely result in more terrorists with American weapons.

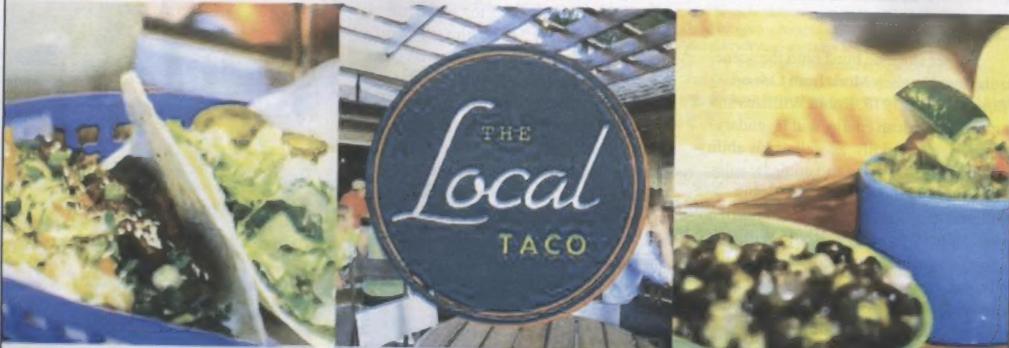
The most troubling part of the president's plan is its involvement of American forces in the Middle East without significant Middle Eastern aid. Even Saudi Arabia, a nation that receives

large amounts of foreign aid from the U.S., has offered only land for the U.S. to help train some Syrian and Iraqi forces. Middle Eastern countries are offering no assistance in the effort to defeat ISIL, a group that inflicts the vast majority of its damage in the Middle East. This lack of support from the Middle East is unacceptable, and if the United States intends to lead the world in defeating this threat, it is imperative that the region where ISIL resides helps.

Mr. Obama had been rightfully cautious so far in dealing with ISIL, because the U.S. and a few other Western countries cannot take on such a crisis without support in the region, as shown in the War on Terror. While romantic, the idea that America can go into a region with guns blazing but without regional support to solve the problems in that region has been proven entirely wrong too many times to allow for a logical argument.

The United States is unquestionably the leader of the free world. It is the first country to which the world looks for help in times of crisis such as these. As the president said, we must accept this responsibility. But as leaders, we must insist that the Middle East pull its weight in resolving crises in its own region.

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## Americans Should Calm Down About Ukraine

By John Glover  
Staff Writer

In a *Washington Post* editorial, conservative columnist Charles Krauthammer called President Obama's actions regarding the Ukrainian crisis "idiotic" and his strategy on the issue "egregious." GOP senator John McCain called the president's actions "cowardly" while calling for more aggressive sanctions and for direct military assistance to the Ukrainian government in the forms of arms, intelligence, and US military advisors on the ground. In fact, Obama has even taken heat from Congressional Democrats over his handling of this crisis. As partisan bickering blocks almost every agenda item under consideration, it seems that the only thing the two parties can agree on is that the White House has undoubtedly messed up the Ukraine situation.

While it is certainly true that President Obama has given the Ukrainian government little to no military aid while Putin has armed the Russian separatists to the teeth and allegedly sent Russian troops across the border to Ukraine, there is ample evidence to suggest that the sanctions the US and EU have leveled against Russia are starting to work. There is little to no public or political will to do anything more than sanctions, and the intimate relationship between Russia and Ukraine predates the founding of the US, making resolving the tensions far beyond our capabilities.

Since the beginning of this crisis, when Putin sent Russian forces into Crimea, people have sought to pin all of the blame on the president. They see the crisis as a geopolitical calculation on the part of Putin to take advantage of Obama's foreign policy weakness. However, people that look at this crisis as the result of

the geopolitical realities of 2013 are ignoring centuries of history. Ukraine has only been an independent state since 1991, ruled by the Soviet Union for the vast majority of the twentieth century. Even after independence, Ukraine suffered from extreme corruption, which has ultimately prevented the country from developing an economy or standard of living comparable to that of most western nations.

This latest crisis is an extension of a conflict that predates the conception of the United States itself. Russia wants to prevent Ukraine from moving closer to the West, so when pro-EU western Ukrainians overthrew the pro-Russian Ukrainian government, Russians weren't just going to sit by idly.

One has to keep in mind that Ukraine is right on the border of Russia, so Putin would no sooner stand anti-Russian government in Kiev than the US would stand an Islamic extremist government in Mexico or Canada. So while the weakness or strength of the US president was certainly a factor in Vladimir Putin's calculation to annex Crimea and invade eastern Ukraine, the issue is much, much more complicated.

While there are many things that President Obama could be doing to help the Ukrainian

government, the sanctions levied have crippled the Russian economy, creating internal pressure from Russian business interests in addition to the already existing external pressures on Putin to pull back in Ukraine. What was already a weak economy with an extremely inflated currency has been brought even lower by Obama's heavy sanctions, isolating Russia almost completely from the global financial system.

And with a new cease-fire between Ukraine and Russian separatists arbitrated by Putin himself and almost all of Russia's troops now pulled out of Ukraine, it would be hard to argue that these sanctions haven't worked.

Perhaps Obama is not the strongest leader. Maybe there's more the U.S. could be doing to help resolve the crisis in Ukraine. But American policies have already improved the situation. We should ask ourselves, though, if we can really afford to police the world.

With our national debt now surpassing our gross domestic product, can we afford to spend hundreds of billions of dollars on the defense budget? Should our focus be diverted away from domestic issues and instead

to issues of foreign policy that don't have that great an effect on Americans or America personally? I don't think so. The crisis in Ukraine is a great tragedy, but it is a tragedy that we may have to accept is beyond us.

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## Robin Williams: The Loss of a National Icon and a Symbol of Educational Liberty in *Dead Poet's Society*

By Davidson Frith  
Staff Writer

Ever since he burst onto the scene as the lovable alien Mork from Ork on *Happy Days* in 1978, Robin Williams stood out for his madcap energy and legendary improvisational skills, as well as his ability to take on both serious and comedic roles, without losing those distinctive Robin Williams qualities. Nobody could make up jokes on the fly as fast as Robin Williams – no matter what happened, no matter what silly voice he was using, he always had a joke ready. Williams would go onto a film set, start talking, and the director could just roll the cameras. He recorded over 16 hours of jokes for his role as the Genie in *Aladdin* alone. When asked to explain how he was so good at improvising, Williams embarked on a 7-minute improv routine, jumping from character to character, concluding with, "That's as close as I could explain."

Here on the Hill, he will be remembered for his role in *Dead Poet's Society*

*Society* as John Keating, an English teacher who teaches his students to "make [their] lives extraordinary." (The film was written by MBA alum Tom Schulman, who based Keating's character on Samuel Pickering, who briefly taught at MBA.)

Whether he was impersonating a young Jewish girl from a Polish shtetl or playing the part of a psychopathic serial killer in Christopher Nolan's 2002 film *Insomnia*, Williams handled each and every role he was given with equal gusto. Not that he didn't have problems. Williams fought a life-long battle with depression and anxiety, and periodically struggled with alcoholism and cocaine addiction. In the end, his depression got the better of him. He was found dead last month at his house in Tiburon, CA.

Nanu nanu, Mr. Williams. You will be missed.

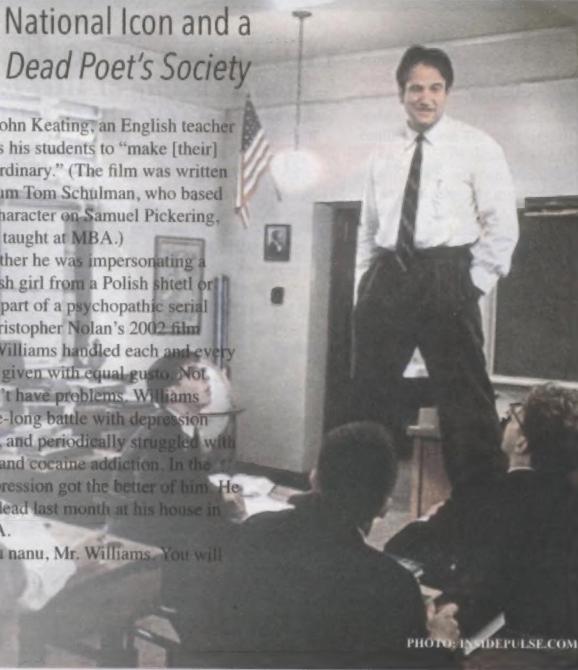


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## A Note to the MBA Community:

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Mr. Tim Parkinson is former Head of Economics at Winchester College, for which he currently serves as Head of International Affairs and East Asian Admissions.

I expect "four weeks" sounds like a lifetime to many MBA students; well, to me they have passed in a Nashville heartbeat. It has been my privilege to spend most of September among the MBA community, teaching Economics classes, observing many different subjects, attending football games, assemblies, and events, and generally feeling the pulse of MBA life.

In my role as head of international affairs for Winchester College, UK, I visit many schools around the world, most of which profess to the virtues stressed by Winchester and MBA: a love of learning for its own sake; an insistence on politeness, integrity and honour; the celebration of diversity and difference. It is easy to profess to these things. It is much harder to deliver them.

From my first moments on campus on September 3 - before any student or colleague knew who I was - the culture of MBA was clear. Students looked me in the eye and wished me good morning; doors were held open; there was the sound of generous laughter, of many "thank you" and "you're welcome". It is the hallmark of a civilised person that(s)he does something not because it might bring some benefit, but because it is the right or kind thing to do; MBA is a very civilised place.

In classrooms I have seen the best kind of teaching and learning. Teachers who care about their subjects and their students; students who enjoy

discussing ideas and supporting each other; a wonderful mix of good humour, charm, and disciplined study. I particularly want to thank Ms. Williams and her Economics class for exemplifying these virtues.

Winchester is a boarding school, so teachers are required to be in and around the school seven days a week. MBA has a boarding school culture in a day school: teachers, students and parents are involved in all manner of after-school activities, reinforcing the culture of shared endeavour, of an education that goes well beyond the classroom.

I have seen the respect in which MBA is held in the community, and the affection it holds in the hearts and minds of alumni. MBA does build boys into good men, and those good men are - rightly - very proud of their school.

It is very hard to create and sustain a culture like the one at MBA. And it requires the participation of everyone, in matters great and small, at all times: from holding open a door, to studying hard, to kindness and consideration, to empathy and respect.

I have been humbled to be among you these last four weeks. I thank Mr. Gioia, all the faculty, staff and students for making me feel so welcome, and I look forward very much to my return.

-- Tim Parkinson

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# You've Got a Friend in Me



BEST BUDDIES: Sam Smith ('16) walks with his new friend after a Best Buddies Sports Saturday at MBA.

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The Best Buddies program at MBA has evolved into something truly unique and deserving of national recognition this summer.

By Aaron Kaplan and Anthony Swenson  
*Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editor*

This past summer, Best Buddies International named MBA the best Overall Promoter Chapter of the year. Junior Nick Dreher attended the Best Buddies leadership conference and accepted the award on behalf of the MBA Best Buddies community. This award marked the culmination of recent efforts to develop Best Buddies as a mainstay activity on the Hill.

During the last school year, MBA accounted for 47 different student participants and over 193 Best Buddies hours. The Service Club launched Best Buddies Sports Saturdays and Art Saturdays while also staffing the Best Buddies 5K, Best Buddies Prom, and the Best Buddies Friendship Walk.

What has become a multi-faceted school effort started in the fall of 2012 when Mr. David Deutsch and the hockey team first volunteered at the Best Buddies 5K, where students handed out cups of water for runners. Later that fall, Best Buddies had its own slot for the first

time at the Sophomore Service Ceremony. After meeting with a local Best Buddies representative and hosting a Best Buddies awareness table during lunch, the Service Club recruited fifteen to volunteer at the Best Buddies Friendship Walk in April.

The rest is history. The following school year (2013-2014) saw conversations about establishing an MBA Best Buddies Promoters Chapter and the advent of Sports Saturdays, an idea conceived by later-chapter president John Wheeler ('14). MBA debaters ran

Jackson Hughes ('15). Alex Dean was named Tennessee Advisor of the Year, and six MBA students helped host the Best Buddies Prom. For the second time, the MBA Service Club volunteered at the Friendship Walk, where we started the Friendship Wall, a reconstruction of the Best Buddies logo, which had been broken up into pieces for each local school chapter to sign. Best Buddies then played a prominent role in the Endada festival in April. Best Buddies artwork was showcased, and participants were able to perform on stage.

Best Buddies at MBA is more than just a list of related activities. MBA's Best Buddies involvement has fostered strong friendships and a deeper understanding of the surrounding community.

According to Annie B. Williams, assistant Service Club sponsor, "We do not simply staff events. We participate. We believe in the mission of Best Buddies, and thus, it has been a natural fit. The boys who have volunteered with Best

Buddies this year have done so because they want one-to-one relationships and because they want to further the development of themselves and the Buddies."

The MBA community has quickly and warmly embraced the Best Buddies organization and vice versa, and the exciting progression of this relationship is always underway.

"Best Buddies has made our campus a better place and us better people," wrote Mrs. Williams. "It has touched hearts. It has changed lives — ours and, hopefully, the Buddies'."

The Best Buddies International Chapter of the Year is given to the best school that achieves its mission, "to establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities." As a result of MBA's participation with Best Buddies, the school was awarded this honor.

Following five years of MBA working with Best Buddies, MBA's involvement with Best Buddies is greater now than ever before. Jackson Hughes ('15) hopes the project continues long after he and Dreher ('16) have graduated. MBA plans to keep supporting and helping Best Buddies, as the project has impacted both MBA students and the Buddies.



ART SATURDAYS A HIT: Jackson Hughes ('15) participates in his new Best Buddies project, Art Saturdays.

PHOTO: MBA SERVICE CLUB

a Best Buddies Ambassadors public speaking workshop, and an Art Saturday was launched under the leadership of

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## New Faculty Member Ben Trotter Joins the Language Department

By Peter Taylor  
Asst. Entertainment Editor

*The Bell Ringer* sat down with our new French teacher, Monsieur Ben Trotter, here on the Hill to learn a little bit about him, his past, and his experience at MBA thus far. There is no doubt that he will be an excellent addition to our Language Staff here at MBA.

*The Bell Ringer:* How long have you studied French? **Ben Trotter:** I started studying French 20 years ago as a 14-year-old freshman.

**BR:** Why did you choose to study French? **BT:** I actually started studying French by accident, as I had planned to take Latin, but the class was full. They said that I could take French, and I began to excel in the language. My school only went up to French II, so I continued my French studies on my own as I continued to learn Latin and Spanish. I would make "vocabulary columns" with equivalents in French, Spanish, Latin, and English so that I could better master vocabulary.

**BR:** What do you like about French? **BT:** I love the linguistic side of the language (where my Masters degree is), and I was originally and continue to be fascinated at the thought of being completely bilingual. I was sold after going to France after I had graduated college when I understood the reality of its being an everyday language



CLASS OUTSIDE: M. Trotter teaches his AP French class. PHOTO BY AARON KAPLAN/BR

**BR:** What is your favorite word in French? **BT:** "Roboratif" — it means "energizing" or "giving energy."

**BR:** What previous teaching experience do you have?

**BT:** For the past year I have done interpretation work through both the city and the state, but I have taught French at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California [A highly praised institution for instructing American servicemen in languages], and I have taught English at the University of Strasbourg in France.

**BR:** What do you enjoy about teaching?

**BT:** I enjoy the interaction with the students and the discussion. Unlike perhaps a science or history course, a language class can learn what it wants to learn, not necessarily dictated by a textbook. I also like the idea of helping to acquire a skill to the point where it becomes second nature.

**BR:** Based on your experience so far, what do you like about MBA?

**BT:** I like the level of respect and motivation in the students. I feel like many of the students are here to learn, not just because they have to be here. The atmosphere is very conducive to learning, almost like a small college.

Bienvenue, Monsieur! We are glad that you have joined the MBA community. We look forward to your time here at MBA through the ways that you will make an impact upon students and the school.

## BY THE NUMBERS: Honor Council

By Nolan Spear  
Sports Editor

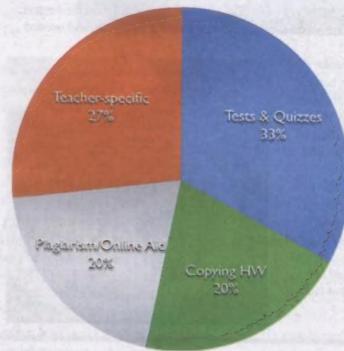
Here on the Hill, with the sheer number of assignments thrown students' way each day, it becomes important to consistently honor MBA's Honor Code. However, as the Dark Knight once said, even the greatest of men fall, and when men of the Hill do fall, it is the Honor Council's job to pick them back up, give them a hard metaphorical slap on the back, and make sure they learn from their mistake. While Honor Council members engage in no actual means of physical reprimanding, they do take their job very seriously. This past week I was given an inside look into how Honor Council functions truly go down.

When members of the Honor Council meet to discuss a case, the elected secretary, *The Bell Ringer*'s own Aaron Kaplan, notes the specific case in his log, with the purpose being to track for repeat cases and for establishing precedent. "Precedent" means that by recording the details on each Honor Council case, when a similar one arises further along in time, the current secretary can look back in his log and give a fair, similar punishment. After Aaron records

in his log, the details of the case are discussed, and Mr. Sawyer and the council of students work to ensure a fair punishment.

With all that being said, let's delve into some of the deeper statistics of the Honor Council:

**November** is the most "popular" month for Honor Council violations, with **October** and **May** coming in "second" and "third," respectively.



## Bowhunting Offers Challenges and Tradition

By Mark Floyd  
Staff Writer

Traditional bow hunting is as difficult as it gets when it comes to hunting wild game. The "real" stick and string from our ancestors brings great challenges and rewards in today's hunting culture. Most hunters these days use compound bows with sights, cams, and many other gadgets that give the hunter an edge on the game. While there is absolutely nothing wrong with high-tech practices, traditional bow hunting is a great way to experience the outdoors and hunting from a new, more elemental perspective.

Traditional bows, either longbows or recurve bows, offer no sights or gadgets of any kind. It is simply the bow, string, and arrow. This basic setup does have its advantages. A traditional bow's simplicity means that there are fewer parts that could possibly break or malfunction during a hunt. It also means less tuning and frustration that can come with dialing and calibrating in a compound bow. Traditional bows also require much more practice and technique to master. Some experts have hypothesized that two thousand arrows a year are needed to keep up with the practice for traditional success. Dedication is truly the key to success with a stick and string.

When it comes to bow hunting, using a traditional bow is as tough as it gets. With most bows and skills limited to sub-20 yard shots, the hunter must get as close as possible to the game. The best traditional bow shooters can take game at 30-40 yards at best. Another feature of traditional bow hunting is the speed and power of the arrow itself. A modern compound bow can shoot well over 300 feet per second, while many traditional bows shoot around 190 feet per second or slower. This lack of speed means that the arrow setup must be much heavier than that of a compound. While one hundred grains is usually the average broad-head arrow weight in compound shooting, it is not unusual to hunt with one hundred sixty-five or heavier fixed broad-head arrows in traditional bow hunting. One hundred twenty-five grain fixed broad-head arrows on a fairly heavy arrow shaft are considered to be about as light as anyone should hunt with. If you get close, use a heavy arrow setup, and watch scent control, you should have success. But that's easier said than done.

The greatest traditional bowhunter of all time, Fred Bear, once said, "Go afield with a good attitude, with respect for the wildlife you hunt and for the forest and fields in which you walk. Immerse yourself in the outdoor experience. It will cleanse your soul and make you a better person." Bear truly represents all of the traditional and modern hunting ideals: respect for game, respect for the environment, and appreciation of every second spent in the great outdoors. So pick up a recurve or a longbow and carry on the long tradition of archery the old fashioned way.

-- **32.75%** of cases are related to tests and quizzes

-- **20.50%** of cases are related to copying assignments, specifically homework.

-- **19.88%** of cases relate to plagiarism and online aid on assignments

Finally, the remaining **26.90%** of cases are teacher-specific cases that fall under a multitude of categories.

## Nashville Food Scene is Cookin'... Right on Cue

By Kang Huuh  
Associate Editor

The image is all-too-familiar to the common man—slabs of red meat sit atop glowing coals, slowly sizzling away as the aroma of the smoke infuses itself into what it finds. Prometheus himself could not have imagined a greater marriage of meat and heat that we now call “barbecue.”

Nowhere across our amber waves of grain is barbecue more prevalent and more respected than here in the South, where dedicated pit-masters sit beside their smokers for hours on end, waiting for the right time to crack into their masterful meat creations.

Nashville in particular has the benefit of having a convergence of barbecue styles. To the Southwest, we have Memphis-style barbecue, one that is sweeter and a bit wetter. To the East we have North Carolina barbecue, which prizes its pulled meats and vinegary sauces. Further South we have Texas, which lives up to the adage, “everything is bigger in Texas.”

For the past few years, barbecue was treated as something of a run-of-the-mill food item in Nashville. But once the foodies of East Nashville and the bloggers of Northeastern America came down here, we realized what a gem of Americana barbecue represented and saw the rise of incredible restaurants devoted solely to the greatest barbecue.

In search of great barbecue, fellow editor Anthony Swenson and I embarked on a road trip to visit some of the best Nashville had to offer, visiting fan-favorites such as Martin's BBQ Joint and Edley's Bar-B-Que. Not ones to leave the dark horses out, we also visited the less-known Low & Slow BBQ Bistro. After visiting these three restaurants, one thing was clear: great barbecue is easy to find in our town. The one question remains—*which is best?*

### 3. Low & Slow BBQ Bistro

For the final destination on the barbecue adventure, Anthony and I visited a lesser-known barbecue location. Located in the Sylvan Park neighborhood, Low & Slow is a newer option that is definitely closer to home than both Edley's and Martin's.

Nonetheless, the food at Low & Slow was not equal to that of Edley's or Martin's. Anthony commented on the brisket, saying, “The brisket was slightly above average.” The same could be said about the ribs. The meat was a bit tough, and needed some more time in the smoker.

Something that really caught my attention was the lack of a smoke ring on the meat. Anthony's meat was a uniform brown throughout, looking boiled instead of barbecued. The ribs were a grayish color. Though the ribs were juicy and not edible by any means, they led me to believe that Low & Slow had stuck their meat in an oven instead of a smoker, which translates to cheating in my mind. If a restaurant is to be called a barbecue restaurant, the meat should be barbecued and not braised, though my hunch remains speculation.

The sides were also a bit disappointing. The cornbread was in the style of the hoecake—delicious—but the macaroni and cheese screamed “synthetic” with its processed cheese sauce and overcooked shell, not elbow, pasta.

Low & Slow did have the edge over Martin's and Edley's when it came to sauces. Low & Slow offered six varieties of sauces that spanned the different regional barbecue styles of the South. In a sense, Low & Slow embodied the convergence of barbecue culture more than Martin's and Edley's did, but lacked the execution of the meat itself to illustrate that convergence well.

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### 1. Edley's

First on the list was Edley's. Because it is usually filled to the brim with eager customers, Anthony and I were the first customers to walk through the door at 11 a.m. sharp. For the sake of continuity, Anthony decided to judge his favorite restaurant based on each version of brisket, which comes from the lower chest of the cow. I, on the other hand, opted to diversify a bit, switching between pulled pork and ribs.

Anthony was not disappointed, stating, “the brisket is cooked to perfection and melts in your mouth.” The same could be said about the pulled pork. Edley's definitely has an exceptional job of cooking their meats, which is the main event, so to speak.

Though the meat is wonderful and leaves the diner to want more (given the remaining stomach space), the sides leave something to be desired. Though side dishes are not going to make or break a barbecue meal, they are still something that should be taken seriously to complement the meal as a whole. Both Anthony and I ordered the macaroni and cheese and baked beans. The macaroni and cheese was bland and soupy, terms that should never describe such a robust and flavorful dish. The baked beans were delicious, but generally not something a barbecue restaurant has trouble making well.

Regardless of the lackluster sides, Edley's impressed us with their fabulous offering of meat, which really is the focal point of a barbecue meal.



### 2. Martin's

Following a delightful experience at Edley's, Anthony and I made a short drive to Martin's, another popular barbecue option in Nashville. Because we had spent considerable time at Edley's, though, there was a large lunch crowd and, therefore, a long wait.

Martin's proved it was worth waiting for, though, providing us with yet another enjoyable barbecue experience. Still, Anthony was not as impressed with Martin's brisket as he was with Edley's. “A very satisfying meal,” said Anthony, “but a bit too tough for my liking.”

For Martin's I decided to opt for ribs, an incredibly important part of any proper barbecue menu. Not unexpectedly, Martin's ribs were phenomenal. I could pull the rib bone out without any struggle.

Like Edley's, Martin's pays great attention to the quality of their meats. Martin's, however, definitely rises above Edley's when it comes to the side dishes. Martin's cornbread, which was more like a hoecake, was delightfully crispy and left Anthony considering it “the best cornbread I have ever had.”

The combination of Martin's focus on the meat and the sides yielded great results. An exceptional meal all around.

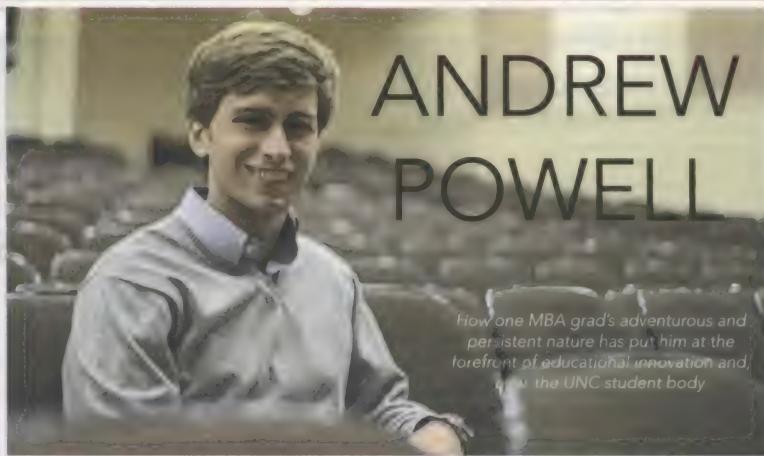


All in all, the barbecue adventure definitely yielded three very satisfying meals and made two hungry diners very happy. If there were a loser in this comparison, Anthony and I both agree that it would be Low & Slow. Low & Slow just does not scream “barbecue restaurant” at first sight, and performs poorly when it comes to the barbecue itself.

For Anthony, Edley's was most enjoyable, as its perfect brisket was enough to mask the negatives of the experience. To me, though, Martin's provided the best experience, as it performed well when it came to the sides and the meat. Martin's sheerly consistent performance made the experience, for me, most enjoyable.

Truthfully, all three would be good options for any barbecue outing, and all three show that barbecue is alive and smoking in Nashville once again.





# ANDREW POWELL

*How one MBA grad's adventurous and persistent nature has put him at the forefront of educational innovation and in the UNC student body*

By Richard Thornton  
Staff Writer

This February, MBA alumnus Andrew Powell was elected student body president at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In an interview with *The Bell Ringer*, Powell cites his desire to find solutions to big challenges facing UNC as the inspiration for his campaign. Powell developed a passion for education innovation through his internship at the African Leadership Academy and a job with Coursera, an education technology company offering online courses made available in coordination with

universities. Powell wants to enhance the classroom experience and drive better student learning outcomes using technology at UNC. He also believes that the lecture model is outdated and that technology has the potential to help solve the affordability problems facing higher education institutions. In his presidency, Powell aims to change the core classroom experience in many courses at UNC by expanding uses of technology and instituting flipped classrooms.

Before winning the presidency, Powell labored to assemble a campaign team, craft a platform, build a website, participate in interviews, and complete a never-ending campaign "to do" list. The election cycle ran from late January through early February, so Andrew

worked from late November to January - often 18 hours a day. Powell and his core team of 15 reached out to student organizations on campus, ran social media, and conducted phone banking. An additional 70 volunteers campaigned for Powell on campus and in social groups like fraternities and sororities.

While trying to win support, Powell struggled with the question of how much to discuss particular initiatives with voters. It is difficult to rally a massive crowd around education reform as opposed to a

Through this experience, Powell recognized education's power to enlighten and empower individuals to succeed. In the summer of 2012, an internship at the African Leadership Academy increased Powell's desire to work in education reform and led to a job at Coursera the following summer. At Coursera, Powell worked on state system teams, which partnered with public universities to implement flipped classrooms and enhance learning. After the summer, Coursera offered Powell a full-time job, but he returned to UNC and spent his



LEFT Powell prepares for an MBA track meet  
BELOW: The campaign team rallies behind their candidate  
RIGHT A trustee swears Powell in for his tenure as an ex-officio board member



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basketball games or better food in the cafeteria. In the end, Powell said, "I tried to go for people's humanity and talk about issues that I felt were really important." With education reform, Powell said, "Every student from every background has an equal chance to thrive." This substantive approach worked remarkably well as Powell received 63% of the vote - more than any other candidate in the past 10 years.

Powell's interest in education reform began from an early age when his family started a school for underprivileged children in Texas.

sophomore year trying to convince UNC officials to partner with Coursera and employ their techniques. His efforts then and as president now have led to a productive conversation about the future of education at UNC.

Along with questions about Coursera, *The Bell Ringer* asked Andrew how his MBA experience has helped him while at UNC. Powell immediately responded that MBA prepared him well not only academically, but also relationally and morally, to succeed at UNC. He mentioned two organizations specifically, saying, "Being involved

in the Honor Council and *The Bell Ringer* really taught me the value of doing something meaningful and trying to make an impact, not just focusing on the fluff or going through the motions." He noted MBA's core value of hungering for "something real, something tangible, and something important" which gave him the confidence "to be [himself], try do something meaningful and not feel too weird about being different from the norm." In addition to gaining a solid moral foundation, MBA also gave Powell opportunities to grow in essential skills like verbal communication, writing, and public speaking. Powell also lived out MBA's 2013 theme of resilience when he overcame an early campaign deficit after *The New York Times* published an article on his opponent, Emilio Vicente.

In his first few months as president, Powell has worked through the bureaucratic processes, which exist at large universities, in order to implement his reforms. Although the procedures can be cumbersome, the university plans to support Powell's plan with significant funding. Hopefully, Powell's initial plan to flip the classroom in the top 10 most failed courses at UNC will be a catalyst for rethinking of introductory courses in general.

Along with hard work, Powell says that some perks come with the job, like chatting with UNC basketball

coach Roy Williams for 75 minutes. Powell has also been asked to be on dozens of advisory groups and task committees, forcing him to make priorities, but also affording him the opportunity to see the myriad facets of the UNC experience. Powell intends to make the most of his opportunity as president and make changes that will have long-term positive effects on UNC. He hopes that he will be able to implement his education reforms and begin the process of solving the affordability crisis in higher education.

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## The Evolution of MBA's Rivalries

By John Triplett  
Features Editor

Over the years, Big Red athletic teams have battled schools all over Tennessee for supremacy in all levels and types of athletics, but the system has not always been as we know it now. Contrary to what you might think, Ensworth has not always been public enemy number one on the Hill. Although it may be hard to fathom, other schools have held this coveted spot as the main rivalry on campus.

In fact, Ensworth High School is only a little over ten years old, so some other school had to have been the hissing prompt that the sole mention of the word "Ensworth" is for us today on the Hill. Long ago, before any of us current students were born, the Big Red had a special rivalry reserved for anything involving the Father Ryan Fighting Irish. Although this feeling is not particularly strong among students today, the students of the 60s, 70s, and 80s had a special sort of feeling for Father Ryan. Before 1970, Father Ryan was also an all-boys school. Thus, the rivalry was waged on the contention over which all-boys school was bigger, better, faster, and stronger. Despite Father Ryan's switch to a co-educational school in 1970, the rivalry had already been ingrained in a couple of generations of MBA and Father Ryan students and would not die out anytime soon. This rivalry continued through the 1980s with

many shenanigans going between the schools. Coach Brown remembers that "Father Ryan boys would often paint the cannons in front of the Carter building on game day." Although this healthy rivalry lived on the Hill for quite a while, it eventually became less heated with Father Ryan developing a powerhouse wrestling program and MBA dominating the football games. Thus, the search for a new rival began.

The students of the 90s and early 2000s needed a school which they could bash on and at the same time do battle with in athletics. After some searching, they found a worthy opponent in Brentwood Academy. With renowned football coach Carlton Flatt leading BA's strong football program, Brentwood Academy was at a prime time in its football history. At the same time, MBA was at possibly the strongest point in the history of our football program in the 90s and early 2000s, with several state championships won by many quality teams. These two schools represented the football powerhouses of this time, and thus, the MBA football teams of this time played in many epic games which decided the state champion for that year. Coach Todd Moran ('97) who participated in this rivalry while he was a student at MBA explained that "BA was our main rival during this time," and that "many tough, intense games were played between us during this time."

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### RUNNING BACKS

Player strengths lie in the state's best three-pronged running attack comprised of Michael Lacey ('16), Derrick Ty ('16), and Ty Compton ('16). Notable strengths lie in the pass-back for Run Jumps to the outside, speed, and agility. It can be predicted that the typical running back will measure up to a certain amount of experience in the position, but game awareness, and his ankle-breaking quickness. Derrick is the hard-nosed, tough back in this group. He may not have the speed of Lacey or the raw skill of Ty, but he is a hard-working player who will "out-tough" the opponent's linebackers. He is willing to do the dirty work between the tackles and gain the short yards when they are needed. Last but not least comes the running of the star running back for the new addition, Compton just beats the other team's defense. The Big Red Sea will see plenty of these three this year in their running game as well as the jump game.

### DEFENSIVE LINE

The team's undersized but lightning fast d-line will also make a strength of the defensive line. Big Red Defensive Line what is known for the most is undersized. Therefore, other teams will find it difficult prepare for and play against them. This line is comprised of D'On Coopert ('16), Harrison Lien ('15), AC Carr ('15), Zach Roberts ('15), and Connor Poulter ('15). Another notable strength of this group will come from the fact that the players are undersized, as the intended for the defensive line position against Poulter, the largest player in the defensive line is only 210 lbs. It is important to note that this group has size, but not a threat all compact and in the position. It does add good strength and experience to the line. Despite his small size, Harrison Lien provides a spine of the defense and a backbone that will hold the line and shoulder your undersized size in a fast-paced group of linemen, with Poulter as the though and Carr as the spear. Coopert concluded that the defensive line "may be small, but we play like we're the biggest players on the field."



"I-Formation in the backfield, MBA in Ensworth territory. Clark in mid-gaping hole on the left side, he's at the 40, 30, 20, 10, Freeland

While last year's gridiron war with Ensworth was full of awesome highlights, including Big Red were not victorious in the end, and the loss left a bitter taste in the mouth of MBA fans. They are different. Last year, Team 115 was one of the strongest and fastest teams MBA has seen in quite a while. They are a team fueled by a score of D1-bound players. They are a team that plays hard because they have closeness and bond among the players. Cliques have been erased, and no one is a stranger any longer off a great stretch of football, including an incredibly entertaining 52-44 victory against Brentwood.

Now let's get technical. Team 116 has made up for its losses by moving almost everyone reducing stress and mental fatigue with double the practice time. Although it may limit younger players more upon their position, subsequently, they develop better skills in their position, and they will process helps build teamwork, trust, and accountability among teammates!

Contrary to what you may think, this practice does not confine players to one position or use players to fill the needs of the team or to just make up a new plays and formations. Players like Lacey, Luke Bullock, and Austin Rolfe play on both offense and defense. With all that being said October 2nd, they'll be lining up against a deep, talented squad that should pose the best challenge of the year. The Tigers is currently undefeated at press time, with a record of 4-0. Their offense and defense, like youth mixed in. They're big, fast, athletic, and experienced- a perennial powerhouse that runs the ball. Let's take a look at a little positional spotlight for both sides:

By Nolan Spear, Sports Editor  
and John Triplett, Features Editor

Similar to the defensive line, the linebackers of this team are a fairly undersized group but provide a solid middle ground for the defense. Since I am not really sure about the names of the players, I will just go with the ones I know. Jeff Jefferson ('16) and Connor Bruton ('16) are the two main linebackers of this team. Jefferson is the leader of the team and has been since my first year here. He has had a solid career in his four years of game. We know as MBA football, striking fear in the eyes of opposing backs. Jefferson and Bruton are the leaders of the group with their amazing leadership and their solid starting experience from last year. The rest provide some speed and youth to the group. In talking about his adjusting to life and football at MBA, Bruton explained that it "certainly hasn't been easy" but that he "loves the team and the MBA community" and wants to make positive impact on the team, as well as his family.

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ion to the left, the toss is to Chandler, he cuts once, there's  
can't catch him! TOUCHDOWN! Ty Chandler! 68 yards!"

This awe-inspiring 68-yard touchdown dash by Class of 2017's Ty Chandler, the prayers as they walked out of the pit on Highway 100. However, this year, things are a while, but that team is gone, and team 116 has taken its place. Team 116 isn't perfect. The team lost a lot of talent, but with that they have gained an unmatched spirit. This 116th installment of MBA football is a motivated, hungry squad, riding Wood Academy on September 19th.

to one side of the ball. This change has made them a better second half team while trying to gain experience at multiple positions, they are able to focus much more on the ball. This change has made them a better second half team while trying to gain experience at multiple positions, they are able to focus much more on the ball.

ing their time on the team. The coaching staff often thinks about different ways to play and sometimes will switch positions as the coaches see fit. Only Senior Michael when the Big Red take the field in Tommy Owen Stadium this coming Thursday, of the season for Coach Euverard's squad. The 2014 edition of the Ensworth & Big Red, is highlighted by numerous senior starters, with a good amount of in practice, loves to air it out, and take advantage of their plethora of talented

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Despite the team's tough games away at BA and Millington High School the past two weeks, they are looking forward to the challenge that comes with playing against Ensworth. They look forward to the game being at home for the first time in quite a while. Senior TJ Larson exclaimed that the team "is ready to do whatever we have to do!" Senior safety Owen Powell explained that "we need every person in the city of Nashville to come out and support the team." The team has hinted that the crowd will be crucial in this game, so everyone should be out. It's safe to say that the team has worked long and hard to get here they are now and that the Ensworth game will provide a challenge nothing before on the biggest stage.

## Ensworth's Historical Ties to MBA Fuel Competition

By Carter Lovvorn  
Staff Writer

Rivalries are one of the most beautiful features of sports at any level, whether it be Yankees vs. Red Sox, Duke vs. North Carolina, or MBA vs. Ensworth. Without rivalries, the sports everyone knows and loves would lack passion, intensity, and grit.

Given the upcoming game against Ensworth, *The Bell Ringer* had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Norton on his perspective of the rivalry and how declining an offer made by the Frist family to make MBA a co-ed school has affected the relationship between the two schools.

In 2001, Thomas F. Frist Jr., co-founder of Hospital Corporation of America, and his family posed an offer to MBA seeking to transform it into a co-educational school. While initially, especially to the MBA student, this deal may sound appealing, Mr. Norton helped explain the reasoning for denying the offer: "It was a place where, as I understand it, the MBA Board and Mr. Gioia knew that they wanted to maintain the all-male environment at the school." It was important for MBA to maintain its identity. This identity was and still is that of an all-boys school desiring to develop boys into independent gentlemen, scholars, and athletes, within the confines

of a single-sex education.

Mr. Norton continued by adding that Mr. Frist has done a great job establishing Ensworth as a significant high school in the Middle Tennessee area. Ensworth's growth and success, especially on the athletic fields, has created a rivalry between kids from the same areas of Nashville; often, by the time they reach middle school age, boys are presented with the option of MBA or Ensworth. When the question was posed to Mr. Norton about how the development of Ensworth has affected MBA, he responded by saying, "I think it has been a great thing for MBA because I think it has defined MBA even more on what its values and pillars are...with a focus of developing people of character, scholars, and athletes."

Mr. Norton believes that "West Nashville is big enough for both schools." Any initial awkwardness between the two schools has now developed into a healthy rivalry that is good for families, teachers, and students of both schools. When asked what he thought some of the differences would be today if MBA had become co-ed, Captain Norton, after touching on MBA's focus specifically on the betterment of boys, he stated, "I think it would have been a totally different school. We were continuing an identity that has been established since just after the Civil War." The interview concluded with a few lighter questions about his favorite parts of the rivalry and his predicted score: a win Thursday night, 40-30.



## RECEIVERS

Traditionally home to some of the best running backs in the state, the Ensworth passing game took a couple of serious blows this past offseason, losing the previous seasons's DII-AA offensive player of the year (D'Andre Ferby) as a blocker and decoy, an all-state wide-receiver (Kiambu Fentress), and one of the top recruits of the Class of 2017 (Jacob Stevens). However, in typical Ensworth fashion, the offense runs deep, and behind senior quarterback PJ Settles, their plays still run very smoothly. They boast a receiving corps of outstanding athletes, including Donovan Sheffield, Rico McGraw and Thomas Freeland. Rico McGraw, a an Alabama Crimson Tide commit, is a top-200 recruit in the country, can break away at any moment he touches the ball. Freeland, a tall 6 foot 1, is utilized very well in the offense. Ensworth's receivers, often making spectacular grabs on comeback routes kept alive by Settles' elusiveness, have excellent chemistry with their mobile quarterback. Aside from Sheffield, McGraw and Freeland, Brett Barnett and Rodney Owens add some depth to this deep group. The Ensworth passing attack moves the ball with ease, and stopping those five will be a prime goal come Thursday night.

## SECONDARY

As for the Tigers, their defense matches up very evenly with ours. While MBA makes its living blowing up plays in the middle and on the edges, the Tiger's secondary loves nothing more than a nice deep pass to pick off. Their defensive secondary is a hawk's nest, with four talented football players lining up back there. The aforementioned Freeland and McGraw start at safeties, with senior Donovan Sheffield and junior Darius Morehead at corners. Simply put, these guys can ball, and the battles on both sides of the ball will make Thursday's game likely one of the most entertaining of the last five years.

## What the Ensworth Rivalry Means to its Followers

By Ben Coulthard  
Staff Writer

On October 2, the Ensworth Tigers travel up Highway 100 for the first time since 2011. Sure, maybe "Tiger Nation," or whatever they call their student section, has been behind them for four straight state championships in football. You know what they don't have? They don't have the largest, most rowdy student section in the state, the BIG. RED. SEA. They don't have the honor of being #Team16. They don't even have halfway decent stands for their own student section. In an exclusive interview with *The Bell Ringer*, Coach O'Neal delved into this so-

called rivalry that MBA has against the Ensworth Tigers.

Coach O'Neal said, "The rivalry between Ensworth has grown into the rivalry we had with Father Ryan in the 1970s and 1980s, or with Brentwood Academy in the 1990s and 2000s. It has been made this way because there are many families that had kids at Ensworth who came to MBA, have siblings at the two schools, or have multiple children who have gone to the two schools. The rivalry has developed because of the families that have children, which has

made the communities so close as opposed to a long-standing rivalry like Ryan or BA."

When asked about Team 116's chance this year against the Tigers, Coach O'Neal said, "Playing in our region of Division II-AA is like playing in the SEC. Every game played features talent, and anyone can win on any given day. We have a great football team. They have a great football team. Our play against Christian Brothers or Baylor for example, the games will always be tight, and it's anybody's night. If we go out and play as a team, I think we can certainly win, but it will be a close one."

After talking to freshman Trace Fontana, his thoughts on Ensworth are a typical MBA student's response: "Sure, Ensworth is definitely our biggest rival. At this specific game, the student section and fans in general should be loud, proud, and hostile. Our team needs to be agile and mobile. When the members of the Big Red Sea show up at Tommy Owen Stadium, their fans are going to wish they did not even bother coming. If one member of the team falls, you pick him up and continue to fight. We can win



IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE. Big Red players from the 2009 season huddle together during the team's victory over Ensworth. PHOTO: BIG RED PHOTOS

## *Our frenemies over the years*

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Eventually, though, a new school burst onto the athletic scene like none other before it and immediately created a passion-fueled, intense rivalry with MBA, grounded in tradition since 1867. With its creation of a new football program at its inception, they represented an instant rival for MBA. Many epic clashes have occurred between the two sides, and many more are yet to come. The rivalry is as strong as ever today. For now, we should continue to enjoy this rivalry with all of its passion, guts, and bad blood, for we never know how long it is going to last.

As long as we continue to refer to them as "that school over on Highway 100," our "favorite neighbors," or my personal favorite "Ensworthless," the rivalry will prosper and tensions will run high. For better or worse, we are undeniably locked in this rivalry and its passion, so let's enjoy it while it lasts.

this game, we should win this game, and if we show up at this game, it will get TURNED."

The students of Ensworth High believe in their minds that they are going to win this game singlehandedly. The Ensworth Tigers will be in for a big surprise when #Team16 and the Big Red Sea show up at Tommy Owen on October 2.

## The Peters Twins: Thing 1 and Thing 2

By Anthony Swenson  
Associate Editor

Running is a passion for sophomore twins Will and Tom Peters. Not only are the Peters twin brothers; they are also training partners. Having run together since kindergarten, the chemistry between the two is unlike any other.

Growing up with their dad as their youth cross country coach at St. Matthew's, they began running at an early age. However, their running did not become serious until they came to MBA. They both excelled in cross country and track as freshmen, even setting a couple of records. Will set the freshman record in the 1600m, while Tom set the record for the 800m, a record that had stood for over fifty years. Now, they have the opportunity to help the MBA cross country team bring home a state title in November.

Will and Tom run their workouts together and are typically neck and neck in races. Having a training partner equal in talent and willing to push him has helped both of them improve as runners. Will says, "Having someone right there who I know is going to be running as fast as I am has always helped me because it gives you someone to feed off during a workout. It's easier to run in a pack than to run

solo."

They push each other to get stronger and faster, an advantage that many runners do not have. Tom adds, "When I think of Will working so hard, I know that I need to keep working. Since he's putting in the work, I need to improve as well."

The brothers' competitive edge governs how they both manage to continue to improve. They both believe that competition makes them faster, saying, "We have someone to compete with and beat, but at the same time they are helping us along."

Facing an MUS squad that returns all of its Varsity runners, in addition to the deep squads of Brentwood Academy and Father Ryan, winning a cross country state championship will be by no means easy. If the average time from the top five Varsity runners could be just under seventeen minutes, they believe that they would have a great chance to win. If each Varsity runner continues to push each other in training and races along with the rest of the members of the team, winning state is a very realistic goal.



SPRINGING INTO ACTION. The Peters twins launch into the race, following in the footsteps of two older brothers, both MBA running legends.

Listen to this interview online at [www.thebellringer.org](http://www.thebellringer.org)

## Wilson Johnson the Latest Big Red Alum to Don the Commodore Uniform

**By Ben Coulthard**  
Staff Writer

Under a new coach this fall, the Vanderbilt Commodores came into the 2014 football season with high expectations, but did not have a hot start, dropping to 1-4 with losses against Temple, Ole Miss, South Carolina and Kentucky. But to many of the Vanderbilt players, even as times look dark, there is still a chance of righting the ship for this season.

One player with optimistic thoughts of what is yet to come is current Commodore football player and MBA alum Wilson Johnson ('13). *The Bell Ringer* had the privilege of interviewing Wilson on some of his thoughts of this year's new coaches, the team, and how MBA was able to prepare him to walk on and play at Vanderbilt.

**Bell Ringer:** You played for Coach Franklin and now play under Coach Mason. What are some similarities and differences between the two schemes of the two coaching staffs?

**Wilson Johnson:** Coach Franklin's staff was very intense, wanting everything to be done in a precise and specific way. Under his staff, we ran a 4-3 defense and a pro-style offense. When it came to lifting, we were all about getting big with large weights, doing as many reps as we could. This new staff is more lenient with our schedules and lifting times. We now run a 3-4 defense, with a similar pro-style offense. Attention has shifted from lifting to more on core work, activation and running. Both staffs have been great at addressing players and their specific needs, however.

**BR:** How has the team prepared throughout the offseason for this year?

**WJ:** This offseason, we had winter workouts three days a week at 5:30 in the morning. There were a number of circuits and conditioning tests we had to pass regularly. On the days we didn't have those morning circuits, we would lift for about 2 hours, and then watch film.

**BR:** What has the team learned from the first games of the season that will help in the following games to come?

**WJ:** We have learned that preparation and execution are key. We can be as prepared as anyone else in the SEC, but in the end, the players have to execute and give 100% every rep and play for one another.

**BR:** Having practiced with many aspects of the team (offense, defense, and special teams) what are some of the strong points of this year's team?

**WJ:** Our strong points are that we are very young and versatile. These attributes give us



JOHNSON CONTINUES A TRADITION *Wilson Johnson ('13) joins a history of MBA alumni to play football at Vanderbilt University.*

confidence for this year and the upcoming seasons. There are a number of guys who can play more than one position on both sides of the ball. Above all, everyone gets along great.

**BR:** What were some differences between playing in the top division in Tennessee High Schools to the top division in all of college football?

**WJ:** There aren't many differences with both programs, to be honest. The only difference really is the presence of girls on campus. The intensities are the same, but

the schemes are a bit more complicated. The practices are structured identically both at MBA and Vandy.

**BR:** What experiences from MBA prepared you for college life in general at Vanderbilt?

**WJ:** You can't get any better than MBA. To start, everyone already knows about MBA, with its reputation of producing smart and outgoing gentlemen. To be honest, the academics may even be more stringent at MBA. I needed more time to complete assignments there than at

Vandy. Also, the Nashville connection and network could not be more advantageous. Faculty and board members already know who you are. Social life can get in the way, but it's easy to balance that with academics and football.

**BR:** Do you have any pregame rituals?

**WJ:** I always have the same routine with stretching before putting on all my gear to go to the field to warm up. Then my roommate and I always stand side by side until the game with our GoPro recording. Then I do whatever makes me comfortable to forget about all the nerves. Afterwards, I always say hello and goodbye to my family, unless they take some teammates out to dinner with me.

**BR:** What advice would you give for someone looking to play Division I football?

**WJ:** The advice I would give is that your athletic abilities can only take you so far in life. It's the work ethic and determination that separates the men from the boys. Everything worth doing is worth overdoing. Moderation is for cowards. Also, be patient. It's a powerful and painful process.

Wilson and the Vanderbilt football team take on the Georgia Bulldogs, the Charleston Southern Buccaneers, and the Missouri Tigers in their next three games. This time will give Coach Mason and his staff time to make decisions that are best for their team that will lead to success now and in the future.



FROM TOMMY OWEN TO DUDLEY: *Wilson Johnson ('13), wearing number 4, was a force to be reckoned with for the Big Red football program before he graduated and joined Vanderbilt's team.*

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## Hockey Program Makes Service a Priority

**By Ethan Freije**  
Staff Writer

Two years after convincingly taking down the Detroit Red Wings in the first round of the 2012 playoffs, the Predators find themselves coming off two straight mediocre seasons without a postseason appearance. After barely missing the playoffs last season, the Predators announced they were parting ways with former Head Coach Barry Trotz, the Predators' only head coach in franchise history.

David Deutsch, MBA's varsity hockey head coach, has familiarized himself and the Big Red hockey program with Coach Trotz through MBA's involvement with Best Buddies, a non-profit organization dedicated to finding volunteers to serve as mentors

and pals to children and adults with mental disabilities. As it turns out, Trotz's youngest son Nolan has Down Syndrome, and Trotz has been very involved with Best Buddies of Tennessee during his time coaching the Preds.

"I felt that service needed to be an integral part of our program," Coach Deutsch said. "And three years ago we adopted this Best Buddies partnership because of the connection with the Predators."

The Best Buddies fundraisers have continued to be some of the main service commitments for the MBA hockey team, and the squad has been fortunate enough to connect with Trotz and other Predators icons. In fact, Coach Deutsch and the crew recently attended a Best Buddies 5K in Franklin, and Predators' star defenseman Shea Weber was there to

support the wonderful cause. "Weber thought it was really cool that a local high school hockey team was doing this because it's one of his passions, too," Deutsch continued. "I don't know if he even has family with a disability, but he's still getting involved. He is just a really giving guy."

Not only was the NHL superstar willing to give his time and effort to Best Buddies, he also offered to take a photo with the Big Red Hockey squad at the event. This image can be found on the MBA homepage, and if you look closely enough, you may notice the lack of upperclassmen in the shot. The hockey team broke off into two groups of volunteers for this event; the freshmen and sophomores were in charge of water station number one while the juniors and seniors manned station two.

Luckily for the younger guys, Shea Weber was hanging out in their vicinity, and they got to be in the picture while the upperclassmen were left out to dry.

Weber in all his magnificence will still be with the Predators this year, but according to Coach Deutsch, "It is going to be interesting how they adjust to their new coach and the new organization."

Regardless of your passion for hockey or the Predators, the generosity of Shea Weber and of former coach Barry Trotz should make Nashville proud of its team and should encourage people to support Trotz with his new position as Head Coach of the Washington Capitals.



BEST BUDDIES IN SMASHVILLE: The MBA hockey team, pictured with Nashville Predators captain Shea Weber (center), volunteered at the Best Buddies 5K this fall.

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## Fantasy Football 2014: The Bell Ringer's Guide to Success

By Nolan Spear  
Sports Editor

Good afternoon, *Bell Ringer* readers. As you all well know, it is a competitive world here on the Hill, and everyone needs a little release from those daily pressures of school life. It's in that void that Fantasy Football comes into play. From last minute waiver wire battles to heated trade debates, there is truly nothing like the fantasy world, and here at the *Bell Ringer* offices, we have formulated our own opinions on who should make your roster—and who is probably best left on that waiver wire.

### QUARTERBACKS:

1. In that 1-slot, we have the Sheriff himself, Denver Broncos QB Peyton Manning. Having tossed for 5,477 yards last year and 55 touchdowns, Big Hoss Manning reigns supreme in the business. With newly acquired wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders running jet sweeps and deep fades left and right in the preseason, look for Vol Country's greatest to stay atop fantasy quarterback ratings this year.

2. At dos, we've tossed in what we view as this year's wildcard, Tennessee Titans signal caller, Jake

Locker. Now, we've all had our doubts about Seffor Locker, but this year is the year. With Kendall Wright in the slot and Dexter McCluster catching passes out of the backfield, look for Locker to rise to the top of the AFC's elite.

3. And rounding out the top 3, look for Drew Brees to have yet another solid season behind the helm of the Saints offense. With freshly-drafted wideout Brandin Cooks making a huge splash in preseason competition and Jimmy Graham cashing checks and snapping necks in the offseason, Brees has more weapons than ever this year. Pencil him in for about 5,400 yards and over 40 TD's this year.

### RUNNING BACKS:

Ah, running backs, the key to fantasy success. Draft a wizard like our number one back, LeSean McCoy, and you're set for the year. Draft a dud like Trent Richardson and you're pretty much done. So choose wisely...

1. ...and choose McCoy. To say the least, he's raw. The centerpiece in Chip Kelly's fast-paced offense, he rushed for a league-high 1,607 yards last year with 9 touchdowns as well. Take him no later than the first round.

2. At the number two spot we've got none other than Jamaal Charles. At press time he is dealing

with a slight ankle injury and has gotten off to a slow start this season, but it's nothing to be concerned with. Charles makes his real money as a receiver, catching 70 passes last year for over 600 yards. In some leagues on campus he's gone in the number one overall slot, and rarely drops out of the top 5.

3. And at three we've got whom ESPN views as the number one overall fantasy player, but we at *The Bell Ringer* feel may be benefiting from a little too much hype, Adrian Peterson. An all-world running back, of course, Peterson has never rushed for fewer than 1,200 yards in a full 16 game season, and one cannot imagine him going for anything less than double digit touchdowns, but that consistency comes with a price. We know what to expect from AP, and with McCoy and Charles in place in more potent offenses with better offensive lines, it's only logical to drop Peterson down just a little.

### WIDE RECEIVERS:

1. Calvin Johnson. What other superlatives can we come up with? Start him every week of the season and pray that he doesn't fall into the witchcraft that led him to be tackled at the one-yard line a half-dozen times last year. He'll be a stud on your roster this year.

2. Georgia's finest, AJ Green.

Now that Andy Dalton has signed a 7-year, 100+ million dollar contract, few questions remain about Cincinnati's belief in the Red-Headed Wonder and their offense. And even as questions about Dalton's arm strength persist, he only has one true go-to target, and that's Green. Unbelievable at shaking defenders on deep post and go routes, Green is a threat to take every ball to the house. Don't let him get out of the second round.

3. While we were tempted to throw Music City's finest, Kendall Wright, in this slot, we had to lean towards the more realistic side and select a semi-low-key guy, Brandon Marshall. In an offense run by the Truest Commodore of them all, Jay Cutler, Marshall sees well over ten targets a game, and converts plenty of them. A guy I love to have on fantasy roster, look for him as a late third-round sleeper.

Now as this list concludes, you may be wondering, why don't you discuss tight ends, defenses or kickers? And I, Travis Henry, must answer that by saying, do they really matter? You can decide that for yourself, however, and heed our fantasy advice wisely. We know what we're doing.

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## Dutch & the Kid is A Rip-Roarin' Bluegrass Bunch

**By Peter Taylor**  
Asst. Entertainment Editor

Dutch and the Kid is a trio of senior musicians, William Richardson (guitar, mandolin), Henry Rogers (vocals, guitar, banjo), and Kang Huh (cello), representing the best and brightest musical talent at MBA.

William and Henry began playing music together freshman year because of their mutual love of modern folk group the Avett Brothers. In fact, the two only played Avett covers for their first year together. William grew up listening to roots rock bands like Led Zeppelin and the Grateful Dead, so his transition from rock to bluegrass left traces of rock influences in his playing. William names Chris Thile as his primary mandolin influence. Although he doesn't believe he can ever become as good as Thile, William says, "It's nice to dream."

Dutch and the Kid cite Old Crow Medicine Show as a big influence, not so much in the actual upbeat musical style

but rather in Old Crow's attitude and passion for music. Kang states that Yo Yo Ma has inspired him not only through his virtuosity but also through his melding of classical with other genres. He also looks to the group 2 Cellos for inspiration for re-imagining modern songs in a cello context. This meld of influences creates a distinguished, raw and real sound.

Henry does the majority of the group's songwriting, creating the core of the songs while William and Kang will "fill it out" where needed. Henry cites his primary writing

influence as Americana songwriter Josh Ritter. Though Henry has 25 to 30 half-written songs, Dutch and the Kid has ten songs finished and ready to perform. While my favorite of the band's songs is "The Bermuda Gardener," each member has his own favorite. Henry's is "Hazel Eyes" for live performances, William's "Abednego" or "Clyde" and Kang's "August Come Back."

A cello may at first seem out of place in a folk-bluegrass group, but Kang adds complexity to the group. He stated that he feels that the polish

and smoothness of the cello rounds out the edges of the banjo, mandolin and guitar. As William and Henry say, Kang takes the group's songs in completely new and inspiring directions.

In the near future, Dutch and the Kid hope to continue playing more gigs, especially house shows. They would also like to record an EP by the end of the school year, and, in the long term, the group would like to continue working together after high school.

Kang's final description of the group's style was "authentic, traditional music," while Henry added, "Dutch and the Kid were my dad's roommates in college, so you can

stop asking us where we got the name."



**IT TAKES THREE TO TANGO**  
Band members (left to right) Kang Huh, William Richardson and Henry Rogers rep their instruments.  
PHOTOS BY KANG HUH/BR

## Stop at The Station for New Music

**By Akeim George**  
Staff Writer

This time it's for real. The only members left from the legendary group Wfless, lead guitarist Si Deane and bassist Luke Wooten, have formed a new band, The Station, which has been steadily building on the popularity of its predecessor.

The Station, whose name comes from the recording studio Station West Studios, is comprised of five MBA students and a pianist from Centennial High School. Singer Andrew Porter ('15) started collaborating with lead guitarist Deane after this past year's Music in the Rounds. Guitarist Ross Rochford ('15) joined the group because of his friendship with Si, and Reuben Dockery ('16) was added to the group because "he was insane on the drums."

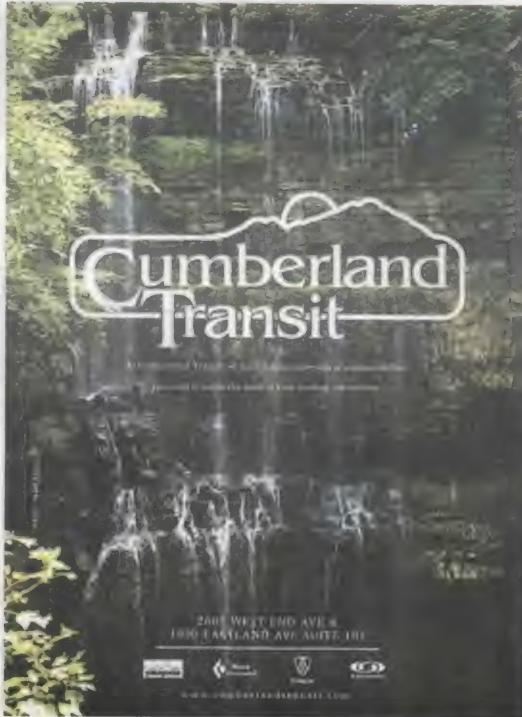
During the group's first practice

together, they came up with two songs. One of them, "Time to Go," made it onto The Station's debut EP. Since then, the band has performed live three times, sold innumerable of copies of their EP, and peaked as the 41st most popular group in Nashville, according to ReverbNation. In addition to the EP, The Station will be releasing a music video, as well as a behind-the-scenes video, for their song "Johnny."

According to Deane, The Station hopes to release a full-length album by the end of the calendar year and has already begun working on the songs. The band hopes that this album will have both a country and a jazzy feel to it—perfect for any musician who might want to be featured on the album.

The Station's music can be found on a number of platforms, including Spotify, iTunes, ReverbNation, and SoundCloud.

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## Festival Scene Grows: Looking Beyond Bonnaroo

By Steve Wood  
Entertainment Editor

For the live music lover, music festivals provide a tremendous experience, offering a large number of shows over the course of a few days. To the average Tennessean, the phrase "music festival" has become synonymous with Bonnaroo, the festival held in Manchester, Tennessee every June. While Bonnaroo is certainly one of the largest festivals in the US, there are many others worth considering. In fact, according to a *Wondering Sound* article by Grayson Curran, North America hosts 847 different music festivals each year.

The enormous number of festivals in the US has created heavy competition to provide the best artist lineups at the coolest venues. Accordingly, established festivals like Bonnaroo, Lollapalooza, and Coachella are expected each year to boast 10 to 15 big headliners, like Jack White, Kanye West, or Skrillex (each of whom performed at this past year's Bonnaroo), as well as a multitude of other bands. For new festivals, however, a good lineup can make or break the festival.

In early September, I attended Virginia's Lockn' Festival, my first non-Bonnaroo festival experience. Established in 2013, Lockn' quickly gained recognition for its outstanding lineup. In

its first year, the festival hosted jam-band heavyweights Furthur, Gov't Mule, The String Cheese Incident, Widespread Panic, Trey Anastasio, and the Tedeschi Trucks Band, among others.

Lockn' and Bonnaroo present two very different experiences. While more than 80,000 people attend Bonnaroo each year, Lockn' is smaller, with roughly 30,000 attendees. The smaller numbers have heavy implications on the festival organization, the largest being the arrangement of stages. Lockn's main venue holds two stages sitting next to each other, each slightly smaller than

Bonnaroo's largest stage. While one band plays, another prepares equipment on the adjacent stage and is ready to play immediately after the first band finishes. The result: the music never really stops—attendees can actually stay in one place and see performers on each stage without moving.



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Lockn's small crowd also means shorter lines for everything; attendees do not have to wait long for food, beverages, or bathrooms, and the lines into and out of the main venue are much shorter than Bonnaroo's. Combined with the close proximity of campsites to the stages, Lockn' is more relaxed and easier to navigate than Bonnaroo.

Those looking to branch out from the Bonnaroo experience, or even first-time festivalgoers, may enjoy Lockn's laid-back atmosphere. All music festivals, though, are under heavy pressure to put on a good show, so the festival scene is really flourishing now. Other smaller festivals receiving good marks include Electric Forest, Catskill Chill, Wakarusa, and Gathering of the Vibes.



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BONNAROO  
Steve Wood (17) and  
Diego Martinez (18) take  
in the sights  
and sounds of  
Manchester's  
famous music  
festival

## Michael Cera's "True That" a Pleasant Surprise

By Jackson Rich  
Staff Writer

Surprise album drops are my new favorite phenomena. In August, actor Michael Cera, well known for his roles in films such as *Juno* and *Superbad*, quietly released his first ever album. Entitled *True That*, the album is an eclectic mix of subdued folk melodies and eccentric ballads. After solo recording the entire project from his home, Cera uploaded his album to the website Bandcamp, and *True That* quickly spread around the Internet.

Guitar and piano chords comprise the bulk of the instrumentation, though Cera also utilizes a range of synthesizers. The crooning vocals may turn off some, but Cera's soft-spoken lyrics are nothing short of poetic. The lo-fi, DIY nature of the songs is easily recognizable and fits well with Cera's surprisingly adept lyrical ability.

The opening track, "uhohtrouble," is an instrumental guitar piece that quickly establishes

the tone for the album. Other feature songs include "Ruth," rich with poetic verses and bittersweet melodies, as well as "2048," another bright instrumental piece. Cera's album also features a cover of Blaze Foley's "Clay Pigeons," which might be the most musically "together" track.

What the album loses in professional production is more than excused by its charm. Even with some interesting experimentation, all the tracks sound natural and soothing. That being said, it is true that much of the quality stems from association with a Hollywood actor. Simply put, it's hipster-friendly but critics will find cause for skepticism.

At the end of the day, Michael Cera managed to put together an 18-track album that puts many professional musicians to shame, all from the comfort of his home. On top of that, he made it available to download for free. Check it out at [michaelceramusic.bandcamp.com](http://michaelceramusic.bandcamp.com).



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## Harmony Korine

Nashville native offers insight into the harsh, the mundane through film.

By Harrison Wheeler  
Opinions Editor

While once known for catchy country songs and the bright neon displays of Broadway, Nashville is undergoing a major transformation. Recently, the city has gained international attention for its burgeoning film and arts scene. Born in California but raised in Tennessee, film director Harmony Korine has produced some of the most influential and controversial films in the contemporary world.

A graduate of Nashville's own Hillsboro High School, Korine is the mastermind behind films like *Kids*,

*Gummo*, *Trash Humpers*, and *Spring Breakers*. German director Werner Herzog once told *The New York Times* that Korine has "a very clear voice of a generation of filmmakers that is taking a new position. It's not going to dominate world cinema, but so what?"

Often highly satirical, the films of Harmony Korine offer valuable insight into the harsh, mundane circumstances of modern life. At the

same time, however, Korine's films are characterized by an uncomfortable sense of absurdity. Although *Spring Breakers* received international attention due its star-studded cast, the majority of Korine's films have dominated the lower-profile world of independent film festivals.

Many independent directors similar to Korine will be featured at this year's Nashville Film Festival. Held at Regal Cinemas in Green Hills,



JAMES FRANCO WILL BREAK YOU: Harmony Korine and James Franco on the set of "Spring Breakers."

PHOTO: DIGITALSPY.COM

the festival has been attracting directors and viewers alike since 1969. The 2015 festival, slated for April 16th-25th, is sure to bring in a wide variety of genres and styles. With awards ranging from "Best Use of Coffee in a Scene" (*Wes Edwards' Mother Mayo*) to "Blazer's College Student Animation" (*Liz Blazer's 2005 Backseat Bingo*), the Nashville Film Festival is sure to satisfy all of one's cinematic needs.

Nashville's flourishing film scene is only one component of the city's move toward becoming the South's creative hub. In recent years, Nashville has become home to a number of notable authors, artists, designers, and chefs.

Thanks to visionaries like Harmony Korine and the team behind the Nashville Film Festival, Music City is quickly becoming an artistic promised land. Without a doubt, the city that we call home is changing right before our eyes. Next time you walk through the various art exhibits in MBA's Davis building, look around and observe the ways in which MBA art students are contributing to Nashville's creative pursuit. If the past is any indication of the future, one thing is certain: MBA students are sure to impact the community at large.



SWEET HARMONY: Korine's artistic achievements reflect well on his hometown of Nashville. PHOTO: INDIEWIRE.COM

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## Sophomore Stories

By Peter Taylor & Turner Johnson  
Asst. Entertainment Editor, Staff Writer

Gentlemen, we're six weeks in, and we have yet to blow it. As a matter of fact, I'd say that we've done an okay job thus far. Last issue, I'm sure you noticed that I was light on my classically offensive-but-still-not-funny shout-outs. And I know every single one of you missed them. Well, they are making their return here.

In the wide world of athletics, Ty Chandler is a five-star recruit. That means he's really good at football. However, he will never be as good as Jackson Maradik. Will Peters, top runner of the Varsity Cross Country team as a sophomore, says, "I just love looking up times!" His brother, the eternal freshman who is Thomas Peters, injured himself with a stress fracture or something, has to take a few weeks off and therefore is falling behind a bit. It doesn't matter though, because Tom is smarter (according to him).

Sophomore year, notorious for its unprecedented difficulty, has brought academic challenges with it. Chemistry has been of particular difficulty to many, myself included. John Cooper, though, finds Statistics to be a joke. Chris Owen is still trying to find a time to bring up The Eagles in Dr. Tarkington's class. Collin Ragsdale has repeatedly had to stab himself with his protractor in order to stay awake in Mr. Herring's AP American History class. As always, Turner Johnson claims Coach Moran to be the king of all things mathematically righteous. In addition, some ex-freshmen are glad that recycling blitzes are over. Most haven't noticed that anything has changed.

After the awkwardness that was Freshman year homecoming, most sophomores are hoping for a bit better experience this year. Patrick "Becca Link" Andreessen is taking a



FLOW: Jack Hayles ('17) and Drew Martin ('17) are pulling lowkey.

cheerleader, much to the amusement of the whole class. Will Gray continues to have homecoming date trouble. John Fioravanti asked his date in honestly the most hype way possible: through old fashioned country music. Trust me, it was awesome. I was there.

Now, gentlemen, I may have to bid you adieu, at least for now. My duties as Assistant Entertainment Editor, as well as my having class with the same, like, twenty guys, severely limits my abilities to write funny class news articles. If anyone wants to help me write this column in the future, send me an email. You know where to find me.

VY IS HIS GUY: Jackson still supports Vince Young.



## Freshmen Upset That People Still Think We're Microbes

By Alex Bulgarino  
Staff Writer

After just six weeks of high school, the freshmen are still adapting to the high school. They are having to keep up with many things so far, whether it's Homecoming, Dr. Batten's English class, painting up for the football games, or all the afterschool sports.

The freshman class started asking people to Homecoming as soon as a certain first person asked (not going to say who it was), but he has been to a distillery factory. It was like an avalanche from then on.

The freshman football team remains undefeated. They defeated East Nashville High School, Father Ryan 21-7 with Tay Munoz and Ty Allen rushing for touchdowns, then went on to BeAt BA 14-7 with interceptions from Cal Bryan and Fenner Pollock.

The Freshman Patch Ceremony officially welcomed us into the high school. Thanks to seniors Cole Jones, Sam Bell, Cole Everard, and Richard Thornton for bestowing this honor upon us. We now humbly ask that you stop high-five us. We are no longer microbes, despite our appearance.

Also, the freshman class elected their representatives for student council and student government. Wesley Hall is our president, Daniel Lee our vice president, and Thomas Carr our secretary. Ty Allen is our treasurer. Our student council representatives are Jake McSween, Ben Frigon, Fenner Pollock, Tucker Harwell, Charlie Ma, and Matthew Stagg. We fully expect them to live up to each and every one of their promises. Good luck to our elected leaders!



FIRST HOMECOMING: Joe Spear ('19) secured a Homecoming date in classy fashion.

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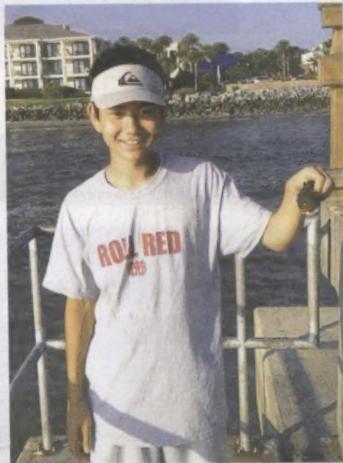
## The Juniors are Better than You, and They Know It

**By Nolan Spear**  
Sports Editor

Hello everyone. By my count, we are a little over three weeks into this illustrious school year, and events among the Junior Class are already crazier than ever. To start off, these early pressures of school have everyone a little rattled, and the DISH list has already claimed some of the Big Red's best. Still, you know **Tony Ding** isn't concerned, as he has yet to see anything but triple digits on his papers this year. We're proud of you, **Tony**. Keep up the average work.

As students continue to try to fend off bad grades like Jake Locker stiff-arming defenders, the bright lights of Homecoming make sure to keep everyone's mind right, and boy has there been some drama. Proud debater **Adam Young** has raised some eyebrows at the 6th period lunch table, continuing to claim that "everyone" has "stolen [his] dates." We'll keep you updated on that situation

(the new rumor is that he plans to get "freaky" at Homecoming). On the other side of the spectrum, outdoor enthusiast and future Rice Owl **Connor Downey** has let everyone know of a different planned Homecoming date pretty much



FISHY BUSINESS: Troy Jiang ('16) enjoys holding fish.

every day this week, and while early indicators had him planning on being a one man-7-date group, recent news lets us know he's planning on taking a more conventional approach. In other news, **Jack King** is leaving Nashville behind, and plans to transfer to Alabama this December to start his second-semester pledge ship early. We wish you luck, **Jack!**

While Homecoming has not actually happened yet, it is the only thing on the Class of 2016's beautiful mind. Rumors surfaced this week about a possible controversy over homecoming dinner, with **Conner Gray** at the middle of the scuffle as usual. This controversy arose when **Conner** suggested to members of his group that they try to incorporate some new menu items to their dinner rather than just sticking to the typical go-to entrees. While his suggestion sparked much debate, the matter was further complicated when **Conner** demanded that the menu incorporate Indian cuisine.

his personal favorite. No further information is available at this time.

In the world of sports, **D'On Coover**, Best Boy award-winner and state champion wrestler, continues to dominate on the gridiron, racking up an interception and numerous sacks so far this season. **Robert Dedman, Charlie Bailey** and the rest of the Cross Country team are putting in steady work in hopes of a state championship run this season. Stay safe, juniors, stay safe. As **Yavin Alwis** often proclaims, "We in this to win this."



NO GRAY AREA: Gray Adelman ('16) poses in front of the rolling hills of suburban Nashville.

## #SENYAS: The Baddest in the Game

**By Davis Luster**  
Staff Writer

As you are well aware, the school year is back in full swing. Though your 100's that you finished the first week of school with are now 80 (or 70)-something, there are still things to look forward to.

The football team is off to a great start and a primetime matchup with Easworth is upon us. But next week, we have the long-anticipated Homecoming dance (aka HC2K14 aka AHHJTP aka ABTP) and a matchup against rival Father Ryan. Everyone should be pumped up and ready to make the most out of our last ever homecoming. **Parks Ball**, however, does not approve of **Wren McFadden**'s witty jokes regarding the dance.



SENIOR CLASS ALL THUMBS UP: Chris Byrne lives.

Speaking of Mr. McFadden, though, **John Hazen** was on the hunt for a nutter special lady to ask. **Anthony Swenson** declined to comment on the situation. Whoever he ends up taking will surely be an awesome gal. When asked whom he is taking to the dance, **Louis Brown** replied "It's fine." Feel free to hit him up with any ideas.

**Geoffrey Holland** has his date pretty much locked up (barring any extra perks from other women) and plans on going to his special girl's pool for the afterparty. She'll be in Greece though so he'll have to throw together a sneaky plan. **Owen Powell** hopes it snows on Homecoming night. When asked why, he said: "Cus it's my birthday...uh huh."

On the football field, **Austin Rolfe** (Tavon Austin) continues to amaze everyone with his unfair athleticism. Don't lie; we've all wished we were

Rollfe at some point in our lives. **Ethan Yappen** is probably making "THAT SAAAUCE" right now.

After extensive research on *Ancestry.com*, tireless work from the MBA history department, and the help of the US Census Bureau, it has been determined that yes, indeed, **Haynes**

Young and Furman and BI are cousins. **Harrison Lien** is from Murfreesboro.

**Mac Mackey** got a haircut—will this mean an end to his hats? **Aaron Kaplan** is still salty, but he won't let that stop him from sliding into your DMs. **Luke Kinman** already has demerits. **William Richardson** and **Henry Rogers** are contemplating writing some dub-American crossover. **Kang Huh** could not be reached for comment.

**Luke Barrick** is just all around psyched. **Steve Wood** is already excited for Bonnaroo 2015. **John Tripiett** is really enjoying calculus.

That's all I got. Everyone have a fun and safe last homecoming and enjoy every minute of it. Roll Red and remember: always chew Juicy Fruit

Gum. On a serious note though, everyone should congratulate **Luke Bullock** on his commitment to Penn.



#TBT TO WHEN BULLOCK TRIED TO SMILE. Cole (and Geoffrey) seethe with jealousy.

# A HILL DIVIDED

In the spirit of the upcoming Ensworth game, the *Bell Ringer* Staff has predicted the winners to some of the most cherished MBA rivalries.



Dr. Boyd



Daily references to the American Revolution

VS



Mr. Gillespie

VS

Hippies



No one knows the origin of this merciless persecution, but it is a facet of microbe and freshman science.  
STAFF PICK: Gillespie; would anybody really want to fight him?

Is any MEHAP class really complete without a mention of American Independence? Does Dr. Boyd ever tire of hearing his accent poorly imitated? What is a plough?  
STAFF PICK: Dr. Boyd will begin to require stamps paid with the class fund on all tests and quizzes.

Mr. Russ

VS

Mr. Russell

Are they the same person? Should you really have signed up for cross country?

STAFF PICK: Mr. Russ winning with a Theodore Roosevelt story after the game is taken to the Honor Council.

Football Highlights

VS

Every other assembly announcement

What other presentations can whip the Red Sea into such a fervent lather in seconds?  
STAFF PICK: Football, 'Murica, and Freedom

Vanderbilt

VS

Tennessee

When considering the most important statewide issues to MBA students, Vandy vs. UT ought to be at the top of any list. Will Tennessee have more than 5 wins? Can Vandy really call itself a school after losing to Temple? Are more Tennessee shirts or Vandy Jackets worn on a daily basis?  
STAFF PICK: Tennessee, with a late, 4th quarter tie being broken by seniors that "love Vandy, but want to get out of Nashville" and are doing so by going to Knoxville.

Mr. Pruitt



Walking on the grass

"On the red stuff, not the green stuff."

STAFF PICK: Pruitt is eternal, splashing his way through a puddle of victory.

The Bell Ringer

VS

Logos

The beef began with a tweet heard 'round the world.  
STAFF PICK: *The Bell Ringer* in a tight game, despite losing an early dance-off.



Big Red Sea

VS

Honey Bear Nation

Should this really be on the list? 70% of the earth's surface is water; bears don't really seem to measure up.  
STAFF PICK: Roll Red.

Mr. Yakushi

VS

Ice Cream Trucks

Nostalgic fun or traffic nuisance?  
STAFF PICK: Mr. Yakushi wins every time.

Dr. Batten

VS

The common cold

Sniffles: not even once.  
STAFF PICK: Dr. Batten, after placing the box of tissues on the guilty party's desk.



Norton VS Norton VS Norton?

Which is which?

STAFF PICK: Norton



Mrs. Roberts

VS



Mr. Anderson

First floor vs. second floor in the 'crob zone.  
STAFF PICK: Mrs. Roberts winning by several nursing stories after a demon-fueled first half.